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**** DX INFORMATION ****

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5W - Jacek, SP5EAQ had announced he would be active from Samoa from 22 March to 11 April [425DXN 1815]. He was set to fly via Doha (Qatar) and Brisbane, ultimately arriving in Apia to begin operating as 5W0AF. However, the geopolitical situation has shifted significantly since the initial planning. With the airspace of several countries (including Qatar) currently closed, the stability of the region remains uncertain even if routes were to reopen shortly. Consequently, Jacek has determined that the only viable solution is to re-route and postpone the DXpedition - likely until autumn. This will involve purchasing new tickets that avoid the Middle East entirely.

DL - DA26WARD is the special callsign for the DARC Team SES to promote World Amateur Radio Day between 1 March and 30 April. QSL via LoTW, DK5ON, and DCL (DARC Community Logbook). WARD is celebrated annually on 18 April, the day when the IARU was formed in 1925. The theme for this year's WARD is "Advancing the Spirit of Amateur Radio Through Innovation".

JD1/O - Look for Masa, JA0RQV/JD1 and Rio, JR2GYA/JD1 to be active holiday style from Chichijima (AS-031), Ogasawara on 13-16 March. They will operate FT8, FT4, CW, and SSB on 80-6 metres. QSL JA0RQV/JD1 via LoTW or Club Log's OQRS; QSL JR2GYA/JD1 via LoTW.

JW - Kaare, LA8EKA will be active again as JW8EKA from Longyearbyen (EU-026), Svalbard on 13-15 March. Usually he operates SSB and digital modes (SSB, RTYY, PSK31, FT8) mainly on 20-10 metres. It looks like this time he'll be confirming the QSOs via an e-QSL sent by email.

LZ - LZ75HSC is the special callsign for Bulgarian HSC members to celebrate the 75th anniversary of the Radio Telegraphy Highspeed Club (HSC) until the end of the year. QSL via LZ2JE. The club was founded in 1951 as a community within the Deutscher Amateur Radio Club (DARC). To date, membership has grown to include over 1,400 operators spanning every continent: http://www.highspeedclub.org.

PY0F - Conrad, DL7UE is currently on a family vacation on Fernando de Noronha (SA-003), and is active on QO-100 as PY0F/PY5ZUE until 7 March. QSL via LoTW.

SV - SZ40A is the special callsign for the Radio Amateur Association of Western Greece (SZ1A) to celebrate "forty years of continuous presence, service, and contribution to amateur radio". Look for activity across multiple HF bands and modes from 1 March to 31 May. QSL via ON3UN. See https://awards.sz1a.org for the award programme.

V3 - Paula, OK2YL and Vlad, OK2WX will be active holiday style as V31YL and V31WX, respectively, from IOTA group NA-073, Belize on 9-22 March. They will operate SSB, CW and FT8 on various bands. QSLs via I8KHC. [TNX I8KHC]

VP0/O - Ramon, LU1DMZ expects to be active as LU1DMZ/Z and LU1ZA from Base Orcadas on Laurie Island, South Orkney Islands (AN-008) throughout 2026.
YJ - Aki, JK1JXZ will be active as YJ1JXZ from Port Vila (OC-035), Vanuatu from 15 March to 3 April. He will be QRV on 80-6 metres, after 17 local time during weekdays and all day during the weekends.
ZC4 - The 4-11 March ZC4C and ZC4Z operation from the UK SBA on Cyprus [425DXN 1817] has been cancelled at the very last minute due to the ongoing conflict in the Middle East. "We have no problem using radio in the area", the team says, "but we can't physically get there".
ZF - Colin, G4CWH will be active as ZF2CA from the Cayman Islands (NA-016) on 12-17 March, with main activity during the Commonwealth Contest. Outside the contest he will be "on most bands and modes". QSL via home call.

YL WORLD WIDE AWARD 2026 ---> "The YL World Wide Award is the first international radio project aimed at bringing together the largest number of Young Ladies worldwide in a single event. Born from the experience of the World Wide Award team during three years of organizing WWA, we decided to organize a worldwide radio event dedicated to ham-radio women".
The YL WWA takes place on 9-15 March, with activity on 80-10 metres CW, SSB, DIGI (FT8, FT4, RTTY, PSK). More than 220 YL operators from 45 DXCC Entities are expected to take part in the event. See https://hamaward.cloud/wwayl for complete information.

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BOUVET 2026 ---> Team 3Y0K has been QRV from Bouvet Island on multiple bands since 1 March. Depending on weather, operations are expected to continue until 18 or 20 March. QSOs are being uploaded to M0OXO's OQRS, as well as to Club Log (https://clublog.org/charts/?c=3Y0K): "the team leaders have opted against using real-time livestreaming, as unreliable internet connections were causing data corruption during uploads").
According to https://www.m0oxo.com/oqrs/logsearch.php, as of 5 March at 19:16 UTC, 3Y0K had made 24,180 QSOs (56% on FT8) with 12,476 unique callsigns. A SuperFox key has been issued; however, the team has decided to continue using Fox & Hound on FT8.

COMMONWEALTH CONTEST ---> The 89th edition of the Commonwealth (BERU) Contest (https://berucontest.wordpress.com) will be held on 14-15 March, from 10:00 UTC to 10:00 UTC, on 80, 40, 20, 15 and 10m CW. Only stations operating from the Commonwealth Call Areas may participate in this contest.

DESECHEO 2026 ---> KP5/NP3VI went QRT on 3 March at 10:37 UTC, totalling

109,277 QSOs with 20,935 unique callsigns over nearly 50 days. The detailed statistics are on Club Log: https://clublog.org/charts/?c=KP5/NP3VI.

QSL GALLERY ---> The large collection of QSL cards on Les Nouvelles DX's website has been updated. Seventeen different galleries include 23,140 cards for the ten Most Wanted DXCC Entities (2016-25), the 62 deleted DXCC Entities, obsolete prefixes, stations from Maghreb from 1945 to 1962, Allied Forces stations in Germany (1945-80), special stations commemorating ITU and IARU, stations using the United Nations prefix (4U), Antarctic bases and TAAF (Terres Australes et Antarctiques Francaises), amateur radio "globetrotters", the various French DXCC island Entities in the Pacific Ocean, the Indian Ocean and the Americas (1945-1969), pre-1945 countries, French Departments and CONUS, plus a gallery for cards not accepted by DXCC. Your participation is welcome: http://www.lesnouvellesdx.fr/galerieqsl.php. [TNX F6AJA].

YOTA CONTEST 2026 ---> The first session of this year's YOTA Contest, organized by the IARU R1 Youth Working Group in cooperation with the Hungarian Amateur Radio Society (MRASZ), will take place on 15 March (10:00-22:00 UTC) on the five classic bands CW and SSB. Everyone can work everyone. Complete rules can be found on https://yotacontest.mrasz.org.

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******* QSL ROUTES *******
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CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER	CALL	MANAGER
3Y0K	M0OXO	AO5TI	EA5RKD	KP2B	EB7DX
4X6TT	N4GNR	AO5TO	EA5RKD	KP5/NP3VI	M0OXO
5N0YEN	IZ8CLM	AP2HA	JA1WIO	LY36A	LY5A
5N7QBR	DF8DX	C21TS	M0OXO	LZ148GO	LZ1KCP
8Q7ZW	OM5ZW	CR2N	EA7HBC	LZ488AM	LZ1KCP
9A0DIG	9A3SM	DA26WARD	DK5ON	LZ75HSC	LZ2JE
9N1CA	EA5ZD	DD2026WPG	DK5ON	OH8SSAB	OH8DR
A2NEW	EA7FTR	DM66RDG	DL0RDG	OZ100OZ	OZ1ACB
AO25M	EA5RKB	DQ44WCA	DF6EX	P4/WE9V	WD9DZV
AO5AR	EA5RKD	ED5FDC	EA5J	P40L	WA3FRP
AO5BC	EA5RKD	EG2DTA	EC2AHS	PJ2CF	EA5GL
AO5CA	EA5RKD	EY8MM	W0VTT	PJ4NG	K4BAI
AO5CC	EA5RKD	FM4TI	EA5GL	S01C	pirate
AO5CR	EA5RKD	FR4PV	F1UIJ	SP1040SSZ	SP3PDO
AO5CU	EA5RKD	FY4JI	EA5GL	SZ40A	ON3UN
AO5DG	EA5RKD	H44MS	DL2GAC	T45FM	KR4DWD
AO5ES	EA5RKD	HD8R	M0OXO	T8OK	OK6DJ
AO5FA	EA5RKD	HG8DX	HA8KW	TU5JZ	F5MFV
AO5FP	EA5RKD	HI7/IW2NEF	IK2DUW	V3O	EA5GL
AO5FR	EA5RKD	HK4X	EA5GL	V3T	WC0W

AO5GR	EA5RKD	HS0ZOC	HB9TOR	VC2CQ	VE2CQ
AO5HC	EA5RKD	II2WOG	IQ2MI	VP2EAD	SQ2RAD
AO5PO	EA5RKD	II3BIA	IQ3ED	VP2ELX	M0PLX
AO5PS	EA5RKD	II3COR	IQ3DD	VP2EWE	SP9FIH
AO5RA	EA5RKD	II3WOG	IQ3ED	YN9H	EA5GL
AO5SE	EA5RKD	IR0RIVA	IS0AFM	Z66BCC	DL2JRM
AO5SQ	EA5RKD	J51A	DJ4MX	ZD7HI	EA5GL

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